

DECISION



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**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-208069

DATE: July 12, 1982

MATTER OF: Carrier Air Conditioning

DIGEST:

Protest against solicitation specifications which is received by GAO after the time set for bid opening is not timely.

Carrier Air Conditioning (Carrier) protests specification requirements of invitation for bids (IFB) No. F18600-82-B-8411, issued by the Department of the Air Force. We dismiss the protest.

Protests based on alleged improprieties in a solicitation apparent prior to bid opening must be filed prior to bid opening. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b) (1) (1982). See Keuffel & Esser Co., B-206229, February 9, 1982, 82-1 CPD 123. Bids were opened on June 29, 1982 at 1:00 p.m. Carrier's hand-delivered protest was stamped in at GAO at 1:54 p.m. on that date. The protest is therefore untimely and will not be considered.

The protest is dismissed.

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